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Sir:

With reference to the above-identified application, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), applicant hereby respectfully requests that this application be granted a one-month time extension to December 1, 2003 (Monday).

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17, please charge \$110.00 to Deposit Account 02-1653. It is requested that any fees required or any shortages in any fees due, now or at any time during the examination of this application, be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

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